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Border Demarcation

1. One meter high stone markers are imbedded along the border line at 1-1.5 kilometer intervals. "B" is painted on the Bulgarian side and "TC" on the Turkish side of the markers.
2. A ditch 20-30 centimeters wide and 20-30 centimeters deep extends along the border line and connects the border markers.
3. At one meter from and on each side of the border are ditches 20-30 centimeters wide and 20-30 centimeters deep.

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Border Obstacles (See Appendix A, based on a freehand drawing [redacted]) 25X1

4. Where the border passes through woodlands, a 50-meter swath has been cut at 300 meters from the border. The felled trees have not been cleared.
5. There is a 1.5 meter high wire entanglement extending from south of the "Bor" Border Guard Zastava's border post, about two kilometers to the edge of "Batatsite" stream. The land on the border side of the entanglement is under cultivation.
6. There is a 500 x 1.5 meter wire entanglement running parallel to the "Kraynovski Kaynak" stream located about 3.5 kilometers west of "Sinchets" Border Guard Zastava's border post. (Not shown on Appendix A).
7. A 500- meter square wooded area located 1.5 kilometers west of "Sokol" Border Guard Zastava's border post and extending to within 30 meters of the border line was cleared in 1949 and a minefield was laid. The plan of the mine field is not known.

Fortifications Between Strandzha (N 42-03, E 26-58) and Golyamo Sharkovo (N 42-03, E 26-50) Villages

8. [redacted] the general pattern of the fortification lines, there are two occupied gun positions one kilometer north and one kilometer west of Voden (N 42-05, E 26-53) village. 25X1
9. On three sides of each of the four Border Guard Zastava's border posts, e.g., "Bor," "Orel," "Sinchets" and "Sokol," there are light machine gun emplacements. The 12 machine gun emplacements are at a distance of eight meters north, south, and east of the "Orel," "Sinchets" and "Sokol" border posts, and north, south and west of the "Bor" border post. Each emplacement is two meters deep, circular in shape, 12 meters in diameter, and is covered by a wooden roof and two meters of earth and rock. There are six embrasures. All machine gun emplacements are connected to the border posts by trenches. All 12 machine gun emplacements were constructed from May 1951 to January 1952.

Restrictions on Civilians in the Border Areas

10. Fields located within 500 meters of the border have been seized by the government. No one is allowed within this zone. [redacted] whether compensatory land was given to the land owners. 25X1
11. Behind this strip is a 1-2 kilometer deep area called the First Border Zone. Strandzha and Kraynovo (N 42-01, E 26-51) villages are within this area. [redacted] during basic training in the "Yantra 20" Border Training Komandatura in March 1950 that residents of the First Border Zone are issued a double page identification card containing the bearer's name and picture and indicating that he is a resident of said zone. 25X1
12. The Second Border Zone extends approximately 10 kilometers behind the First Border Zone. Voden and Golyamo Sharkovo villages are within this zone. Inhabitants of this zone have a cachet affixed to their identification cards by the Militia headquarters in Elkhovo.
13. The Third Border Zone extends 30 kilometers behind the Second Border Zone. Inhabitants of this zone have a cachet affixed to their identification cards.

Deportation of Families from Border Areas

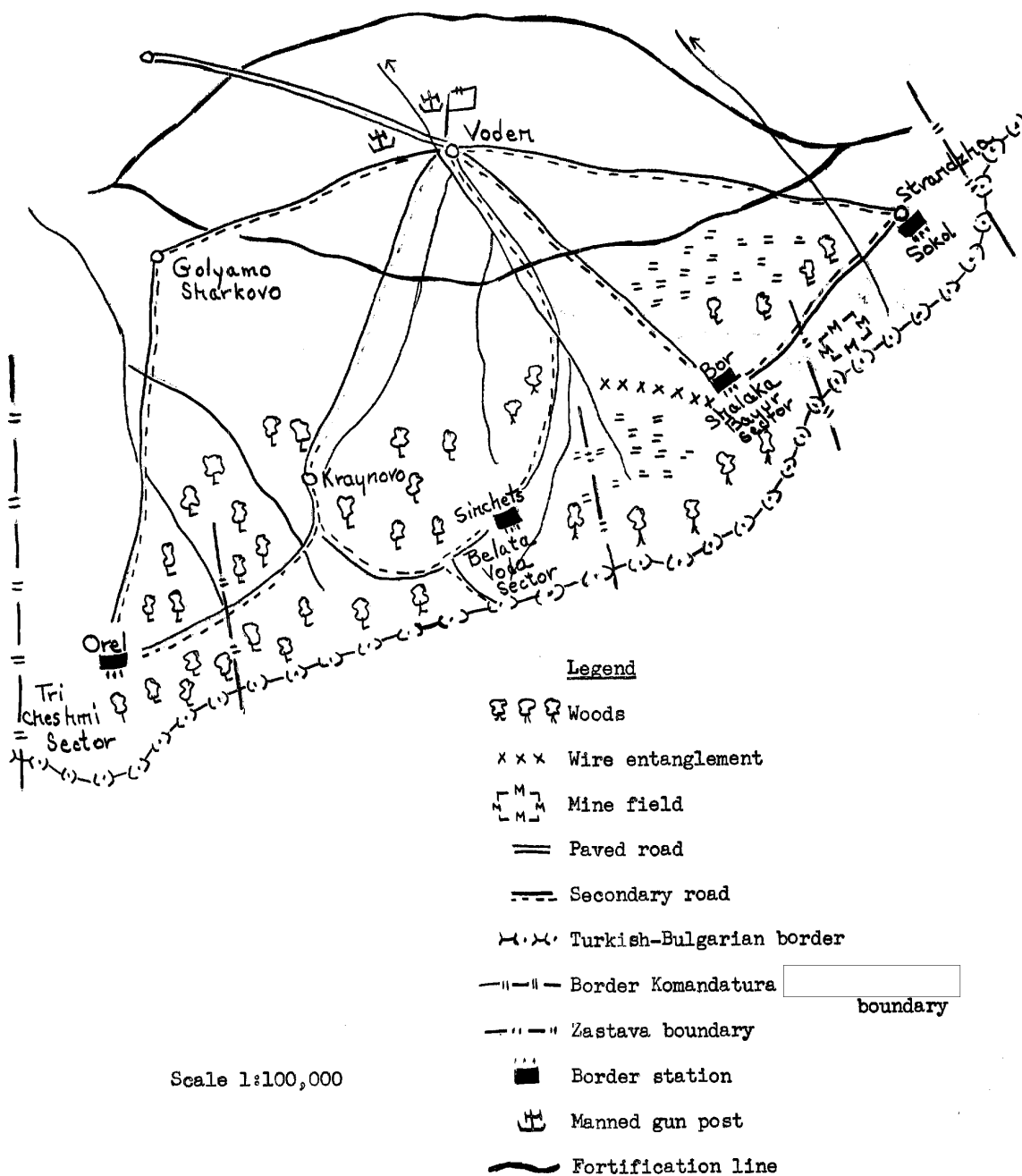
14. [redacted] five families from Voden, three from Strandzha and three from Kraynovo villages were deported (dates unknown) to northern Bulgaria because members of their families escaped to Turkey. 25X1

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